

a.) Remarks

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner is requiring that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among (Groups I-II) noted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Group I is compounds wherein R¹ is aryl or pyridine and R² contains pyridine, indole, thiophene or pyrimidine. Group II is all other compounds.

Irrespective of which Group is elected, the Examiner is further requiring that Applicant identify for search a single compound within the elected Group.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, namely Claims 1-22, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), containing compounds of formula (I) not encompassed in Group I, and their methods of use. Further, in response to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single species, Applicants hereby elect Compound 21.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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